

Summary Fact Sheet

Accelerated Application Process

DEM is proposing a pilot program to test a new streamlined format to review certain application-types. The Accelerated Application Process will allow applicants to have their applications process ahead of others; but will be charged an extra fee. DEM evaluated the need for the program and determined that a limited number of application-types will be used in this pilot program. Application-types chosen were based on complexity of the application, number of applications issued, application turn-around time and employee availability.

The application-types impacted by the proposal includes:

ISDS Program

- Subdivision Suitability
- System Suitability Determinations
- New Building Construction and Soil Evaluations

Wetlands Program

- Edge Verifications
- Presence of Wetlands

This is a voluntary program and DEM employees will be asked to perform the application reviews either before or after their normal working hours. These employees will be paid overtime to complete their reviews. In order to pay for the added costs of this program, application fees will be increased for those applicants who wish to avail themselves of this accelerated review process. In some programs there will only be a limited number of hours a month where employees will be available to expedite review of applications. In these instances, applicants will have the option of having the application processed in a normal manner at the normal application fee. They can also indicate they want their application processed in an accelerated manner when an employee is available to process the application.

This process will benefit applicants who want to pay for an accelerated review; their applications will be processed first, based on the availability of personnel resources. Other applicants will also benefit since there are now less applications that need to be reviewed during normal working hours. This process should reduce application-processing times for both groups of applicants.

The fee structure for the Freshwater Wetlands and the ISDS Programs are attached in Appendix A and Appendix B.

DEM will guarantee the issuance of the application in a specified number of days. If the application is not issued, the accelerated processing fee will be returned.

APPENDIX A

FRESHWATER WETLANDS FEE SCHEDULE

APPLICATION TYPE	PROCESSING TIME (Hours)	ACCELERATED PROCESSING FEE	STANDARD REVIEW FEE *	TOTAL FEE * (Accelerated + Standard)
Presence of Wetlands				
< 5 acres	7	\$375	\$150	\$525
=> 5 < 20 acres	10.5	\$562	\$200	\$762
=> 20 < 40 acres	14	\$749	\$250	\$999
=>40 acres	14 + 7 per each additional 20 acres	\$750 + \$375 for each additional 20 acres	\$250 + \$50 for each additional 20 acres	\$1000 + \$425 for each additional 20 acres
Verification of Wetland Edge				
< 5 acres	10.5	\$562	\$300.00	\$862
=> 5 acres	10.5+ 0.007/linear foot	\$562 + \$0.37/ linear foot	\$300.00+\$0.20 / linear foot	\$862 + \$0.57 / linear foot

* **NOTE:** The "Standard Review Fee" and the "Total Fee" columns are provided as computational examples only based on the applicable Freshwater Wetlands application fees in effect at the time these regulations were issued.

APPENDIX B

ISDS FEE SCHEDULE

APPLICATION TYPE	PROCESSING TIME (Hours)	ACCELERATED PROCESSING FEE	STANDARD REVIEW FEE *	TOTAL FEE * (Accelerated + Standard)
System Suitability Determination				
	1.5	\$54	\$55	\$109
Soil Evaluation				
Single Lot	2	\$107	\$100	\$207
Each Additional Lot	1	\$54	\$50	\$104
New Building Construction <5000 gallon / day (gpd)				
Single Family Home	2	\$107	\$150	\$257
Commercial < 2000 gpd	2	\$107	\$200	\$307
Commercial ≥ 2000 < 5000 gpd	5	\$268	\$500	\$768
Subdivision Suitability				
3 lots	3	\$161	\$300	\$461
4 lots	4	\$214	\$400	\$614
5 lots	5	\$268	\$500	\$768
6 lots	6	\$321	\$600	\$921
7 lots	7	\$375	\$700	\$1,075
8 lots	8	\$428	\$800	\$1,228
9 lots	9	\$482	\$900	\$1,382
10 lots	10	\$535	\$1,000	\$1,535
Each Additional Lot	0.5	\$535 + \$27 per each additional lot	\$1000 + \$50 per each additional lot	\$1535 + \$77 per each additional lot

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